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Christ to make a difference in today's world*



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

“My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever.”

Psalm 121:2,8 NLT

For all who believe in the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is comforting to know that the paths we walk during our time on earth are those that have been prepared for us. The one who has gone before us is none other than the creator of the heavens and the earth. If our God could speak this universe into existence, could He not also watch over us until our pilgrimage has been completed?

Perhaps no other season of the year is as special for me as May Commencement, the time when we entrust our graduates to God's loving and capable care for the life He has chosen for them. The measure for us as a college is whether our alumni will live out our mission statement, *educating students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today's world*. Two graduates who are living out this mission are featured in this edition, Dr. Kerri Brackney '02 and Dr. David Johnston '91.

During the spring semester, the Bryan community was blessed with the life and testimony of Magda Herzberger, Holocaust survivor of Bremen, Bergen-Belsen, and Auschwitz. At a young 90 years of age, Magda continues to live a remarkable, disciplined, and accomplished life. She has authored more than a dozen books, climbed the highest peaks of Colorado, and trained to run a marathon at age 50. She continues to keep her promise made to God when she was in the concentration camps, “If you deliver me, I will never let anyone forget the horrors and lessons of the Holocaust.”

During a luncheon with a small group of students gathered in our home, Magda impressed on us these significant lessons from her life:



- In your profession, you will find self-expression
- Know what you want to do with your life (take time to think about it—look inside)
- Don't get discouraged or side-tracked
- Work hard as nothing is brought to you on a platter
- Study and learning are important; love your parents and professors
- Have God at your side as you are never alone; that will give you courage
- Have love in your heart and always be kind
- Forgive others (even as you need forgiveness); never have resentment and hatred in your heart

As I reflect on the wisdom of Magda's advice, my prayer is one of thankfulness for all our alumni who are living out our mission; and my heart's desire is that the class of 2016 will do likewise—fulfilling what God has put in their hearts to accomplish during their pilgrimage on this earth for His Kingdom.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Stephen D. Livesay".

Stephen D. Livesay

GRADUATION DAY 2016

“Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times,
And the strength of salvation:
The fear of the LORD is His treasure.”

-Isaiah 33:6

On May 14, a day of balmy temperatures and abundant sunshine, the Class of 2016 finally turned their tassels and beamed as Bryan College conferred upon them their well earned degrees. College president Dr. Stephen D. Livesay charged them to honor and live out their *alma mater's* motto of “Christ Above All”: “As you honor and live out that motto, you honor Bryan College and all who have gone on before you representing Bryan throughout the world.”

School of Arts and Sciences

The morning ceremonies featured Bryan Alderman '16 as the senior commencement speaker. He inspired his fellow graduates, “When you can’t stand the characters around you, the task your character has been assigned, or the apparent lack of a theme that dominates your life’s journey, I hope you’ll know that the Grand Author is still working away, stroke after stroke, letter by letter, accomplishing exactly what His

infinite and eternal wisdom purposes to accomplish. Trust Him.”

Special guest Dr. Al Mohler of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary addressed the moral changes society has swiftly undergone in the past decade, encouraging the graduating class that Christ will be with them to strengthen them in the midst of upcoming trials. The moral instability and darkening of the current times will serve to show the world what true Christianity looks like, he

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noted. Dr. Mohler was honored with the Doctor of Laws degree during commencement.

A total of 99 degrees were bestowed, including 68 Bachelor of Science degrees and 31 Bachelor of Arts degrees.

School of Adult and Graduate Studies

During the afternoon commencement ceremony for the School of Adult and Graduate Studies, 32 graduates received their Master of Business

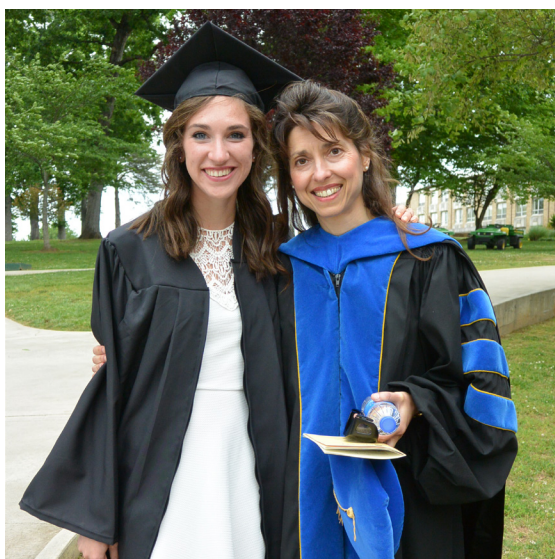
Administration, 46 received their Bachelor of Science, and 4 received their Associate of Science.

Dr. Cecil Swetland, the regional director for the Association of Christian Schools International (California-Hawaii), addressed the graduates. He inspired them to strive for humility in every aspect of life. "A humble person has a sense of dignity, but they're willing to set themselves aside in their resources so that they can be in a position to serve others," Dr. Swetland explained, for that is the best method of making a difference for the kingdom of God.

Golden Grads – Class of 1966

Commencement weekend also saw the return of several alumni from the Class of 1966, who were honored as "Golden Grads," robing up from cap to gown for the ceremony and receiving commemorative diplomas from Dr. Livesay.

Excited to see one another again and emotional at the graduation of another generation of Bryan Lions, the Golden Grads were treated to a special honorary dinner Friday night before all praying the Lord's blessing



*"Once a
Lion, always a
LION!"*

over the soon-to-be new alumni gathered in Rudd Auditorium for Vespers.

Alumni Director Paulakay Hall '84 remarks, "It was an incredible blessing to welcome back our Golden Grads to the Hill for their 50th reunion. Seeing their heart for our new grads was an inspiration and a reminder to us all: Once a Lion, always a Lion!"

By Chloe Ann Townsend '13

COMMENCEMENT AWARDS



P.A. Boyd Prizes: Awarded to the seniors whose principles and character have secured for them the highest degree of influence over their fellow students.

Bryan Alderman '16 and Michael Sherrill '16



Highest Scholastic Record:

Bryan Alderman '16 (4.0 GPA) and Michael Sherrill '16 (4.0 GPA)



Most Progress:

Christopher Maye '16 and Daria Sharova '16



Faithfulness and Loyalty Award:

Daniel Cadiz '16 and Kristin Hall '16

CAMPUSNEWS

OCTOBER 2-4

RAIN DOES NOT DAMPEN SPIRIT FOR HOMECOMING 2015



Over 300 Bryan alumni and families flooded the campus and laughed off the showers with reunions and precious fellowship. "All the rain from Hurricane Joaquin couldn't keep our alumni away from this year's homecoming events!" Alumni Director Paulakay Hall remarked. "Everyone had a blast, from the first event to the last."

OCTOBER 2015

NOVEMBER 6

"CALM AMIDST CHAOS": AN ART EVENT SHOWCASE



The Worldview Initiative's 2nd annual art event highlighted different artists on the Bryan campus. This one-night event featured different mediums of art, all highlighting the idea of "calm amidst chaos" to discuss the paradox

of having serenity within the storms of life. These works of art examined the role faith has in one's response and how art can reflect a truthful response to these issues.

NOVEMBER

Dr. Clark Rose, professor of psychology, remarked, "Bryan's psychology program has the best to offer from a Christian worldview, and we are proud to have placed in this ranking.

Our students have scored in the 99th percentile in the ETS Major Field Exam in Psychology for the past six years, and we have been told that their work in the annual Bryan College Undergraduate Research Conference was especially noted by the editors."

OCTOBER

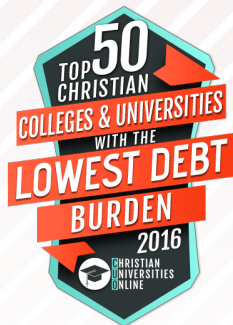
PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM PLACES NO. 45 IN RECENT RANKING



DECEMBER

BRYAN STUDENTS GRADUATE WITH LOWER DEBT, SAYS RANKING

In a recent ranking released by Christian Universities Online, Bryan College placed an astounding no. 2 in "Top 50 Christian Colleges & Universities with the Lowest Debt Burden 2016." Vice President of Finance and Enrollment Rick Taphorn noted, "Bryan College is an institution that not only provides students with an excellent education from a biblical worldview, but also does so while empowering students to graduate with a lower debt than many other Christian colleges and universities."



DECEMBER 18

BRYAN GRADUATES 110 STUDENTS AT FALL COMMENCEMENT



DECEMBER



STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS BY DAYTON ROTARY CLUB



The Rotary Club of Dayton awarded scholarships to current Bryan College freshmen Isaac Hendrix and Karis Powell at the annual Rotary luncheon in the Rhea County Room.

DECEMBER 11

BRYAN LIONS TO COMPETE IN NAIA SE CHALLENGE

Three of Bryan College's teams will represent the Appalachian Athletic Conference in the 2016-17 NAIA Southeastern Challenge, which is a new inter-conference contest. "Inter-conference challenges are always unique experiences for our student-athletes," said Bryan College Athletic Director Taylor Hasty. "It is a privilege for us to be included and we look forward to representing not only Bryan College but also the AAC."

DECEMBER 16

CAMPUSNEWS

JANUARY 3

SOFTWARE DONATION AIDS PROFESSOR IN ORIGINS RESEARCH

Bryan College received a donation of nearly \$10,000 in computer software to aid in the origins research of Dr. Neal Doran, professor of biology. Passionate about the role Bryan College has played in origins research over the past 20 years while keeping God at the center of serious and exciting scientific questioning, Dr. Doran hopes to aid Bryan in continuing this legacy and clarifying origins study.

FEBRUARY 2

BRYAN RECOGNIZES ALUMNI'S REMARKABLE GENEROSITY



Bryan College Athletic Director, Taylor Hasty said, "Don and Connie Blanton have blessed us in so many ways by giving to our new gym and other projects as well. I am so grateful for how they have reached out directly to our athletes, developing relationships, and seeking to further the Kingdom of God in all that they do. It is so wonderful to have alumni like the Blantons who support our college and our student athletes."

JANUARY 2016

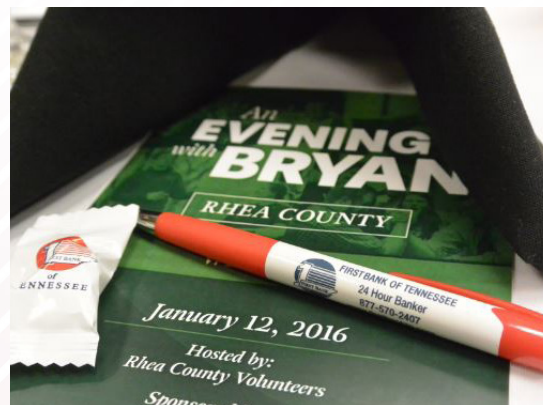
FEBRUARY

BABBA BECOMES HEAD WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH

The Bryan College Department of Intercollegiate Athletics has announced the hiring of Paul Babba as the head coach of the women's soccer program. The Numan, Nigeria native, Babba, comes to Bryan after five years as the head coach at Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss. He brings a wealth of knowledge on the professional, collegiate, and international levels to the women's soccer program at Bryan.



THIRD ANNUAL RHEA COUNTY EVENING WITH BRYAN OPENS 2016



DECEMBER 22

JANUARY 12

ADVANCEMENT RECEIVES NEW VP, CHUCK BAKER



Bryan College president Dr. Stephen D. Livesay said, "Chuck is a good friend of Bryan College, having served for several years in many voluntary roles including chairman of the President's Roundtable. He has a love for our Lord,

a heart for ministry, and has provided exceptional leadership both at Bethel Bible Village and at Unum. I am excited about the leadership he will bring to Bryan in his new role as vice president of advancement."

WILL THOLKEN AWARDED STAFF MEMBER OF THE FALL

Coordinator of Athletic Operations Will Tholken was selected as the award recipient for his outstanding service to the Athletic Department and Bryan College as a whole. He lives out the College's mission day after day, consistently putting the needs of students and colleagues ahead of his own.

MARCH

APRIL



HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR MAGDA HERZBERGER VISITS CAMPUS

Bryan College was deeply honored to host Magda Herzberger, a 90-year-old survivor of three different death camps in 1944-1945, who came to speak on campus in a variety of settings and events from Feb. 29 – March 3. Read the full story on pages 26-27!

APRIL 7

ALL-COLLEGE SERVICE DAY

Read the full story on pages 12-14!



APRIL 18

NEW GRADUATE PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED

Bryan College is expanding its graduate academic programs with the announcement of four new specialization opportunities. Each specialization allows students to tailor their graduate degree to their career goals and interests:

- Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Ministry
- Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (MACM) in Bible Education
- Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (MACM) in Administration
- Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Christian School Administration

BRYAN OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM DINNER A GREAT SUCCESS



Over 545 alumni and friends of Bryan College attended the ninth annual Bryan Opportunity Program Dinner at the Chattanooga Convention Center. This event was hosted by the college and Host Committee Co-Chairs Leighton and Jan LeBoeuf to raise funds for scholarships for low-income Tennessee students. Singer and storyteller Mark Lowry and pianist Stan Whitmire were the featured guests at the event, which raised an estimated \$250,000 for students.

APRIL 14

BRYAN COLLEGE WELCOMES NEW TRUSTEE

Bryan College is honored to welcome new trustee Mr. Leighton LeBoeuf to the College Board of Trustees. Mr. LeBoeuf has been a long-time friend and supporter of Bryan College and has served as chairman of the President's Roundtable.

APRIL 20

Living Christ To The World:

Here for Each Other

We are “ramblers in the wilderness,” as the NeedToBreathe song “Brother” begins. It continues by highlighting the human condition: “we get a little restless from the searching, / Get a little worn down in between, / Like a bull chasing a matador / Is a man left to his own schemes.”

As we walk through this life, the Christian is bombarded and distracted by so many things. The world, on one hand, can appear so enticing and appealing, and on the other, can drive us to such fear and despair. It does not take much for the sinful heart to lose its gaze on the Author and Perfector of our faith (Heb. 12:2). We either adopt the patterns of the world or design our own. In either case, the result is the same: we wind up in a wasteland, failing to fulfill the plans God has for us, feeling weary and defeated.

But it does not need to be that way. There is a very powerful provision available to each of us. God graciously gives us a wonderful key to hope and strength for the journey of faith. The song declares that “everybody needs

someone beside them, / Shining like a lighthouse from the sea.” God has given us each other!

In our independent culture we neglect to remember that we are here for each other. We are called to build into the lives of our brothers and sisters. We all need to find someone who we can look up to in the faith for support and guidance. Likewise, we all need to find those younger in the faith who need our help to face the battles ahead. God’s design for combating the world’s pleasures and pressures actually demands that we refuse to let ourselves and our brothers and sisters go it alone (Titus 2).

As the song so aptly concludes, we all have the privilege to “be the one to light the way” for another. Take a look around. Someone desperately needs a path out of the wilderness. Will you shine the light?

By David Haggard

Director of Financial Aid, Counselor



A Legacy of Servanthood:
Bryan's All-College

SERVICE DAY



It was early morning

on April 7, 2016, when Dr. Stephen Livesay addressed a cafeteria full of students, faculty, and staff dressed in blue jeans and old t-shirts: “This is a huge day for us to manifest the love of Christ. What we’re doing today is not about us; it’s about those individuals out there who desperately need to see the love of Christ. It does not matter what you are doing today – you are part of God’s kingdom, part of the channel bearing His love to our community.”

This was the 11th annual All-College Service Day, and the entire Bryan community had met for breakfast and a time of worship and fellowship before leaving the Hill to help those in need. The college takes one day of each academic year to cancel classes, close offices, and intentionally go into Rhea and Hamilton Counties to serve in Jesus’ name. Teams ranging from 2-150 members have completed over 650 projects since the first event in 2005.

Director of Outreach Ministries Eric McEachron cites college president Dr. Livesay as the one in whose mind All-College Service Day first took form. Not long after he became president in 2003, he saw the importance of prioritizing Bryan’s relationship with the surrounding community – of ensuring that the college took a loving, collaborative, actively involved role in Rhea County.

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“We have been a recipient of service day projects ever since the first year in 2005. Sometimes we’ve had huge groups hang drywall, paint, and install drop ceilings. We’ve also had smaller groups sort donations for us. It’s such a blessing to us. We spend our days busy ministering to our clients, so at the end of the day, it’s hard to come back here and organize things. Having a lot of hands and a day to just stop and do that is so helpful, and it makes the rest of the year easier.”

Lenita Sanders,
Director of the Women’s Care Center of Rhea County

"I think our days of service have been fairly successful in that," notes McEachron. "The more I talk with people in the community, the more I realize something: Even though some may not know anything else about Bryan, they know about service day. The purpose of service day is to show the community that Bryan cares, and to show students how simple and meaningful it is to serve here and now. You don't have to wait to make a difference. It starts with the simple process of seeing a need, and saying that you'll do what it takes to meet that need."

The 2016 All-College Service Day was planned by education major Michael Sherrill '16, student life's service event coordinator. She says,

"It gave me the chance to work with a multitude of people both here at Bryan and in the community and see their excitement about being involved."

"I see service day as one of the most joyful, unifying traditions we have at Bryan," Sherrill continues. "It brings together students, staff, and faculty to actually live out our mission statement of being servants of Christ who make a difference in the world. Service day is supposed to be a catalyst for a lifestyle of service, and I pray that those who participate will continue looking for ways to bless the people around them. I am convinced that God loves service day!"

By Chloe Ann Townsend '13



The Worldview Initiative partners with teachers, administrators, parents, and youth to cultivate a generation of students who love God, live the gospel, and shape communities. We design conferences, retreats and chapels that begin conversations about what it means to image Christ in a fallen world.

If you would like to consider having the Worldview Initiative minister to your community, you can contact Worldview Coordinator Jack Saunders at jack.saunders@bryan.edu

THE WORLDVIEW INITIATIVE

"The worldview team has given me the opportunity to both receive grace and offer grace to others in a context that encourages transparency and growth. The most meaningful times I have been a part of while at Bryan were directly related to this ministry, as I have been shaped in a way that more accurately portrays the image of Christ."

– Noah Lee, Senior

UNSUNG HEROES OF BRYAN COLLEGE

“We give to Bryan out of gratitude for all that it has given to us. We want others to enjoy those same educational and spiritual opportunities.”

Rick '76 and Kathy '71 Farney: Rick is the head of the Social Studies Department at Rhea County High School and teaches Honors U.S. History and Bible History, and Kathy teaches computers to kindergarten through fifth grade at Rhea Central Elementary School. The Farneys are monthly donors to the Bryan Scholarship Fund.



HILLSIDE CHAT

› DR. TRAVIS RICKETTS

Celebrating 20 years of full-time employment at Bryan, Dr. Travis Ricketts, initially an instructor and PCI director, currently serves as Department Chair and Professor of History and Politics & Government. With a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in history from the University of Arkansas (1988) and Kansas State University (1990, 1999), he specializes in American political, religious, and military history. Recently, his growing interest in economics led to his developing the course “Wealth & Justice” with Dr. Paul Boling.

From deconstructing the ideological line to crafting his (in) famous “special multiple choice” questions, Dr. Ricketts challenges students to think for themselves. “At many colleges students are expected to regurgitate what the professor has said in class or what is in the text. This is not so at Bryan, particularly with Dr. Ricketts,” attests Brian Penny ‘14.

For Dr. Ricketts, history is “the story of individuals, created in God’s image, living their lives.”

“It seems to me,” he explains, “that many of the themes of Scripture (creation, fall, redemption) are repeated in the lives of these individuals, communities, and nations.” Because of this, he seeks to show his students “how history connects to them”; yet his influence extends well beyond the classroom. His interest in students’

lives, from athletics to spiritual growth, reveals deep care for their holistic well-being.

Joseph Murphy ‘14 recalls, “Dr. Ricketts also modeled how a husband and father should talk about his family and how incredibly important they are to him.” His wife Sherri (a former RD) and children Stephen ‘18, Jonathan ‘20, and Madison, follow his example of investing in Bryan students by sharing their home and personal lives.

A man of great humility, Dr. Ricketts exemplifies what he believes is most important to teach—that “being faithful to [one’s] calling is the most accurate measure of ‘success.’” For him this means prioritizing others, even to the point of turning down an offer to publish his dissertation. Leila (Barker) Coblentz ‘14, his former assistant, reveals the influence of this posture: “Between his occasional ‘Aw, grits!’ and long-suffering sigh, I saw how following God’s calling blesses those around you.”

The profound nature of this blessing is difficult to articulate, but Murphy expresses the sentiment of many: “In these things, and much more, Dr. Ricketts was an essential part of my learning experience at Bryan College.”

By Olivia Eanes ‘14

HILLSIDE CHAT

› DR. KATHRYN SAYNES

A kid forgets his homework, grades are due, a parent has an issue, and that one student seemed so hungry during snack.... Being a teacher comes with many mental and emotional challenges. Educators trained under Dr. Kathryn Saynes can recall her guidance that through Christ's grace, they must show love and respect for students as individuals. Dr. Saynes has committed her career to teaching these principals through her mentorship and pouring into the lives of future educators on Bryan's campus.

Dr. Saynes, a Bryan alumna herself, began her career in education with her B.S. Liberal Arts: Education Licensure. She then went on to teach intermediate mathematics before completing her Master's in Instructional Leadership at Tennessee Tech. Saynes returned to Bryan to teach in 2008 and completed her Doctorate in Instructional and Curriculum Leadership at North Central University. In 2014 Dr. Saynes became the head of the education department.

Education is a field where people cannot just clock out and leave work behind. If a teacher is truly invested, they care about students outside of just the number in the gradebook. Mary Trumm '15 says of Dr. Saynes: "Her official jobs were to teach me the information that I needed in order to become a teacher, and to guide me with

the classes I needed each year at Bryan. However, she went above and beyond the requirements. She not only did her job substantially, but she also cared about me as a person and as a sister in Christ."

Dr. Saynes' encouragement of her students inspires not just them, but the hundreds of students they will interact with in their own careers. Excellence in organization and preparation is an example she sets and expectation she gives her students. Sarah Glenn '14 says, "As a new teacher, I am constantly referring back to lessons she taught me. However, more important than any lecture was how she taught me to love my Lord and to love my students."

One of the hardest parts of any career is balancing work and family. Saynes married her high school sweetheart while in college, and they have two beautiful daughters, Lily and Makayla. These sweet girls have grown up running the halls of campus and endearing themselves to even the toughest of education majors. Seeing Dr. Saynes love her students, her family, and her God so well is a lifelong lesson that alumni of her program will never forget.

By Lily Coradazzi '14



Some students do not know what field to pursue until they are halfway through college, while others, like senior John Leckrone, have known their passion since childhood. His love for history began in the third grade, he says. He loves studying how peoples and cultures have changed throughout the ages: “So much of the past is a mystery, so I love trying to put pieces of the puzzle together and reflecting on the ‘why’ questions.”

John is also a young man driven by faith and a deep love and compassion for those around him. During his time at Bryan, he has had the opportunity to play JV and varsity soccer, participate in the Young Life ministry, and serve as a tutor at the local YMCA Care Center. He’s also had eye-opening

Break for Change trips to Detroit, Mich., where he discovered the love of Jesus for the Muslim community. He recently joined a missions organization that has opened up the doors for him to teach in North Africa following his graduation in May.

When asked for advice for future students interested in pursuing history education, John replied, “Don’t approach history seeking a certain conclusion – be diligent in your research and be fair in your conclusions. With teaching, seek first to care for your students. Excellence in teaching the content is vitally important, but students need to be (and need to know they are) cared for.”

By Chloe Ann Townsend ‘13

STUDENT PROFILE

JOHN LECKRONE, SENIOR

HISTORY EDUCATION



STUDENT PROFILE

RACHEL TATLOW, SENIOR

MATH SECONDARY EDUCATION



“I really believe that when you’ve found what God’s called you to do, it completely changes your entire life,” says senior Rachel Tatlow regarding her decision to pursue a degree in math education. She recalls what first made her fall in love with teaching: while taking a calculus course in high school, she offered to help a friend with homework and soon realized that she had a knack for explaining the concepts.

Not long after becoming a student at Bryan College, Rachel was asked to teach the school’s intermediate algebra course, which she then did for two years. “As soon as I started doing that, I was 100% sure,” she comments, “because it gave me so much purpose and meaning in life.”

Over her time teaching that course, she was able to actually raise the passing rate of the entire class. This semester she has had the opportunity to student teach at Rhea County middle and high schools, which has further confirmed her confidence in her calling.

As a missionary kid, Rachel finds it hard to cite an exact hometown. She has lived in Swaziland, South Africa, Thailand, and “the wild country of North Carolina.” But this kindhearted math teacher claims that Bryan feels like home and that she hopes to plant her roots in East Tennessee for good and spread the love of mathematics to the children of Hamilton County.

By Chloe Ann Townsend ‘13



Dr. Louise Bentley

Dr. Louise Bentley, by her excellence and “style,” changed my learning attitude more than any other

person under whom I ever studied. She did not need a pedestal; she was way tall! And her very

Clothed with strength and dignity, she can smile through the days to come. When she opens her mouth, she speaks wisely; on her tongue is loving instruction. Many women have done wonderful things, but you surpass them all. Charm can lie, beauty can vanish, but a woman who fears the LORD should be praised.

Proverbs 31

(Complete Jewish Bible translation)

high heels made her an even more impressive figure! She was a fashion plate in my young eyes. Never a curl out of place. Bright red lipstick that never seemed faded. Every day, without fail, she wrote

a quotation on the upper right of the board. She prayed before beginning class.

She was as immaculate in her preparation as she was in appearance. I wanted to know what she knew. I wanted to know how she knew what she knew! Every class with Dr. Bentley made me feel as I did the first time I read the *Chronicles of Narnia*: suddenly transported; the territory old yet new; glimpses of Aslan signaling to “come further up, come further in” (C.S.Lewis, *The Last Battle*).


Dr. Bentley was as articulate about her understanding of God, His Word, and His people as she was about art, architecture, music, literature, and all performance arts. Because everything was made by Him, she led us all on the hunt through the world of expressive art forms to find the true Source of beauty, meaning, and restoration Life. She made every class an appetizer for more.

After returning to the U.S. from two years as a nurse in Vietnam, I settled in Indiana and joined a Baptist congregation. I joined the choir too. An Easter Cantata, *Celebrate Life*, was planned that year by the rather progressive music minister. The musical “message” focused on a vibrant, risen

Savior. I was asked to paint a backdrop for the choir presentation. My mind went to the painting *The Resurrection* by Piero della Francesca (1465). The story of this huge work was described so vividly by Dr. Bentley that I never forgot it. I reproduced this work on six 10-foot panels covering the entire stage behind the choir chairs: Jesus standing with one foot up on the tomb, holding a victory flag, dressed in a flowing pink robe. I felt it would remind the congregants that the familiar “good news” can be communicated in a new way and bring a new understanding: Don’t miss the ride because of the vehicle. I stood at the back of the auditorium to gauge the placement and the lighting. The janitor slipped in beside me, his eyes squinting at the painting as he looked, with his head tilted this way, then that, slowly maneuvering a wad in his cheek. He finally spoke: “Miss Faith, I b’lieve you should put holes in them there eyes of His and put blinkin’ lights back of ‘em. That would really do it up right, doncha think?”

I knew Dr. Bentley would be tickled.

By Faith Heitzer ‘69



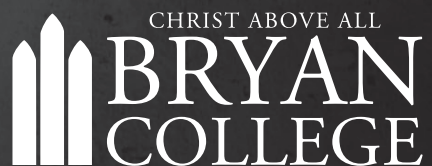
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ATHLETICS

2015-2016 SEASON SNAPSHOTS

Take a look at what our Lions have accomplished this year! ▼



- 9/5/15: Bryan anglers Tyler Chumley and Robert Gibson took the first place prize of \$1000 with their winning three-fish weight of 15lbs., 14 oz. during the 3rd Annual Fish the Chick Tournament.
- 10/26/15: Men's soccer sweeps AAC Player of the Week Awards, with Joe Goreham (FR/Norwich, England) and Alex Horton (FR/Nuneaton, England) earning the honors of Men's Soccer Offensive Player and Defensive Player of the Week.
- 10/26/15: Kara Stamper (JR/Hagerstown, Md.) earned the honors of Volleyball Attacker of the Week for the fourth weekly honor this season and ninth of her career.
- 11/4/15: Lady Lions golf finishes the season strong, earning a 2nd place finish at the Columbia College Invitational.
- 11/7/15: Cross country conference champion Tyler Boone broke the course record at the Victor Ashe Park in Knoxville, Tenn., with a time of 25:02.32, coming in first overall.
- 11/10/15: Head Men's Soccer Coach Drew Courtney was named AAC Coach of the Year.
- 1/18/16: Small College Basketball announced on Friday the Bevo Francis Top 100 Watch List, and Bryan's Brandon Cole (SR/Crossville, Tenn.) made the cut.
- 1/16/16: Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach Taylor Hasty has been honored as the 2016 NAIA Coach of the Year by Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association for his outstanding contribution to the game of baseball and rewarded him for excelling in the game of baseball in Tennessee through dedication and hard work.
- 3/31/16: Lions excelled in Cabela's Collegiate Bass Fishing Open, ranking 2nd nationally.

SOFTBALL.

“We are competing for the top of the conference, which will be a tough road. Our girls are digging, no matter what the score is, and we’ve been coming up big a lot this season. We have a strong upperclass group, and they do a great job at leading; at the same time you can still see their youth. There is definitely room for the team to grow to their full potential.”

*Shanna Duncan,
Assistant Softball Coach*

BASEBALL.

“It has been so fun to be a part of our baseball team this year. Because of all our returning players, the team is very close – even our new players fit right in. While we have been playing good baseball on the field, the Lord has been moving in some powerful ways throughout our team off the field. In our weekly devotions we have been studying what it means to be a Godly man: courage, integrity, humility, love and steadfastness. Please join us in praying for the rest of this season as well as the seasons ahead as we continue to educate students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today’s world.”

*Taylor Hasty ‘06,
Head Baseball Coach and Athletic Director*

“We finished 6th in the AAC this year, which is a little frustrating since we were in 3rd place for most of the season. I feel like we played great basketball for the first part of the year. This team had great chemistry and played hard, which made it difficult to put a hand on what we were doing wrong. Brandon and Oteriah being all-conference was especially exciting; we have a team G.P.A. over 3.0, so the academic all-conference is huge for us. I’m looking forward to next year, because we really have a great group returning. We are into some of the best basketball players and best high school basketball and junior college programs in the state of Tennessee.”

Don Rekoske,
Head Men’s Basketball Coach



‘ MEN’S BASKETBALL



WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

“Internally, we started this season with very high expectations because of recent success with several returning players and a great recruiting class. Fortunately, these ladies did not rest on projected expectations but went about their daily business with professionalism and a great work ethic. That determination allowed us to finish tied for first place in our conference with a 26-5 overall record. We had a couple of late season adversities that prevented us from achieving another national tournament appearance, but I was extremely proud of our girls for their achievements on the court, in the classroom, and in their personal relationships. The Lady Lions give praise and honor to God for His faithfulness and blessings this year!”

Jason Smith,
Head Women’s Basketball Coach

TRACK AND FIELD

“The conference is one of our big focuses at this point. We lack size on the track, but we are going to spread our guys out to get as many points as possible. We’re aiming to get top-5 in both sides in conference. Our big goal for most everybody is to qualify for nationals. At the end of the day, though, it’s about everyone competing at the highest level they can... even if they don’t qualify, we still count their personal successes.”

Josh Bradley ‘10,

Head Track and Field and Cross Country Coach



GOLF

“As the Bryan Lady Lions head into AAC National Qualifier, we are excited to see our freshman Krista Reinhardt become the #2 player in the conference with the chance to win the Overall AAC player of the year award. Krista has battled it out all year with the reigning AAC champion from Milligan College, Cassidy Gibson. Both players have been neck and neck all year in the Conference tournaments and come down to the final tournament with only a couple of strokes separating them. Krista has already sealed her spot as a first team All AAC player (top 5 players in the conference), and she has a chance to win the final tournament and advance to the Nationals.

Both the men and the women have been a joy to coach this year on and off the field. We have seen tremendous growth in individuals in their relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We have seen this growth not only on the field but in the classroom, in church, on the mission field, in Bible study, and in how they minister to one another and also to fellow students on campus.”

Peter Bollant,

Head Golf Coach



CHEER-LEADING

"The Bryan college Cheer team had a great season. Even with a game snowed out and rescheduled and other scheduling changes, they hit some awesome halftime routines this semester, doing a great job supporting the basketball teams. Spring is a fun time, as I am able to give cheerleading scholarships to incoming recruits. It is also a bit more relaxed with practices and workouts as we get ready for next fall.

We also do volunteering pre- and post-season. In April we ran a carnival for special needs kids (Bryan's Luke 14 event), as well as a kids' clinic at a local elementary school and spring cleaning at an assisted living facility nearby. The team members know their priorities: God first, then school, team, others, and self. There are some wonderful young adults on the team and I am blessed to work with them!"

Janice Perron,
Head Cheerleading Coach



ATHLETE PROFILES

KAITIE SIMS



Year
Senior

Hometown
Soddy Daisy, Tenn.

Sport
Softball

Major
Exercise Health Science

Future Plans
Attending nursing school, where she will receive her LPN and RN licensure.

BRANDON COLE



Year
Senior

Hometown
Crossville, Tenn.

Sport
Basketball

Major
Exercise Health Science

Future Plans
Attending school to become a PA or dentist.



Grateful to the Almighty

One Remarkable Woman
Shares Her Story of
Hardship and the Faith
That Saw Her Through
the Holocaust

Our biggest power is our faith in God, our spirituality; and our spirituality will help us to overcome the toughest challenges in life."

– Magda Herzberger



Want to learn more about Magda Herzberger? Visit her website at magdaherzberger.com to view a full timeline, gallery, and list of her written works.

Most people only dream of possessing the vigor, spunk, and passion for life that reside within the petite frame of Magda Herzberger. This 90-year-old woman, though the signs of a long life well lived have not passed her by, carries herself with the purest and kindest manner of dignity – just the sort of poise that betrays a deep respect for the value of others, and in whose presence listeners become captivated.

It is her own story, and that of every victim of persecution in the Holocaust, that Magda came to share with the community of Bryan College from Feb. 29 through March 3, 2016. Incredibly gifted as a poet, composer, and author, this woman spent her visit presenting in chapel, speaking to classrooms full of students, giving poetry recitals, and kindly autographing copies of her many books.

In May 1944, at the age of 18, she was deported from her hometown of Cruj, Romania, to Auschwitz with her beloved father and uncle. Before they were separated, she recalled, "My father reminded me to follow the path of love, forgiveness, and tolerance; to hang on to the three strong pillars of life– faith, hope, and love; and to never let hatred enter my heart." Her dear uncle, a fencing champion who had trained Magda himself (inspiring her to become junior fencing champion at age 15), advised her to maintain her strength both physically and emotionally: "He reminded me that pain increases our endurance, and we have to tolerate pain in order to

survive and not fall apart under any adverse situations." She has treasured and lived by these precious words ever since.

That July, Magda found herself transferred to the death camp in Bremen, then forced with her fellow prisoners on a death march to Bergen-Belsen, where she was ultimately left amongst a pile of corpses to die before being rescued by a British soldier upon the camp's liberation in April 1945.

While sharing her incredible story, Magda emphasized the vital role her faith in God played in her survival and encouraged her listeners to recognize that faith and trust in God brings hope, regardless of one's situation. Faith effects courage, persistence, and the strength to fight when we don't think we can go on.

"My father reminded me to follow the path of love, forgiveness, and tolerance; to hang on to the three strong pillars of life, faith, hope, and love; and to never let hatred enter my heart."

"Our biggest power is our faith in God, our spirituality," she said, "and our spirituality will help us to overcome the toughest challenges in life."

By Chloe Ann Townsend '13

Evening with Bryan Dinners:

2015-
2016

Current
Cities

★ Denver

Nashville ★

Knoxville ★

Bryan College ★

Chattanooga

★ Charlotte

★ Atlanta

★ Dallas

Houston ★

★ Sebring



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Why get involved? Why
come to the dinner?

These are the questions that come from alumni when they get that postcard in the mail saying "Join us at the Table": Evening With Bryan.

My name is David Holcomb, and I am in charge of these dinners. Yes, come to the dinner, because you will be reconnecting to one of the most important places in your life. Few other events can trump your college experience. I have seen it firsthand. So get involved through your time, talent and treasure.

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Left to right: Chloe Townsend, David Holcomb, Tracey Bridwell, Janice Pendergrass, Paulaky Hall, and Chuck Baker

The Advancement Team

Receives New Vice President, Chuck Baker

Chuck Baker is a perfect fit for Bryan College. He brings professionalism and kindness, along with years of leadership and mentoring, to the table in a beautiful way. He desires to see God's will done in all areas of his life.

Chuck spent the last five years as the CEO of Bethel Bible Village in Chattanooga, Tenn., where he worked tirelessly to keep the mission of that very well respected nonprofit moving forward.

Before going to Bethel, Chuck was a vice president for Unum for 15 years. He worked several years for AT&T prior

to working at Unum. His background in business enables him to forecast and nurture great work from his staff.

We have always had good leadership in the advancement department, so it is wonderful to see this carried on as Chuck takes this advancement team into the 2016-2017 school year.

Thank you, Chuck, for joining us! We look forward to your leadership.

From all of us:

Janice, David, Tracey, Chloe, and Paulakay



We have both
served the campus
for 39 years...



Business Office Manager Patricia Kinney and Associate Registrar Brenda Wooten '98H

■ Alumni Director



Each of you is part of an incredible heritage at Bryan College – whether you have attended Bryan yourself, sent relatives or friends here, given to the scholarship fund to help students in need, worked here, volunteered here, or prayed for us. Our legacy runs far and deep, and I am always amazed at our connections and connectedness.

I have been a part of BC for almost 35 years, and I have the great privilege of knowing and loving so many alumni, students, faculty, and staff. But some of you have had a much deeper legacy with this college than I could even imagine. I think of alumni like Mary Frances Rudd Carlson '66, whose father was Bryan's third president. Mary Frances grew up on campus watching her father not just being president but also milking the campus cows when the need arose. Mary Frances was part of our Golden Grad celebration this past May as we honored her class on their 50th reunion – what a blessing and a joy! Then I think of others who sent their children to Bryan, who in turn sent their children: triple legacy generations!

LEGACY AT BRYAN COLLEGE

There are so many of you to thank and remember.

Our Legacy Program is one of my favorite aspects of being the alumni director. Our alums' children and grandchildren, now Bryan Lions themselves, visit our home several times throughout the year, and we have dinner together, play games, and get to know one another. Although I love every one of our students, these kids hold a special place in my heart. We have over 60 legacy students on campus this year. That number continues to grow.

Homecoming 2016 will be filled with the legacy and heritage we so treasure at Bryan. I warmly invite you to join us for this weekend of fellowship on Oct. 7-9. Our Alumni of the Year hail from the 70s – Rick '76 and Kathy (Murphey) '71 Farney. (Kathy happens to be part of a 3rd generation legacy at BC!) They are humble school teachers who have been faithful to Bryan for many years. Our Young Alumni of the Year are Zac '01 and Toks '04 Brown, faithful prayer warriors; even though they are busy with one-year-old twin girls, they still find time to give back to Bryan. Honorary alumni will be Bernie and Donna Belisle, faithful servants at Bryan receiving a well-deserved honor. And for our sports alumni, we will be inducting the 1975 and 1976 NCCAA Soccer Championship teams this year. Talk about an awesome heritage! We cannot wait to have all of these players "back home."

Thank you for playing your unique role in the heritage and legacy of Bryan College. You are an important and integral part of our community. We invite and encourage you to continue to pray, encourage, share, send, and give.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Kay".

Paulakay



ALUMNI RECENT EVENTS

This year we tried something new— traveling with the Bryan College Chorale and Chamber Singers on their spring tour... and it was awesome! We traveled from Memphis to San Antonio and met many alumni all along the way.

1. Dallas Alumni Gathering: Bryan College Choir with alumnus Jim Woychuk '89 joining.
2. Dallas Alumni Gathering: Gee Gee Goad Yates '75 with her son Christopher.
3. Alumni Visit: Mark Jones '85 and Alumni Director Paulakay Hall.
4. Dallas Alumni Gathering: Ruthmarie Cunningham '52 and her daughter Linda.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 29

Our annual night at the **Chattanooga Lookouts**— dinner, ballgame, and fireworks! Last year we sold out, so get your tickets early and keep an eye out for more upcoming events at bryan.edu/alumni/events!



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**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

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October 7-9

HOMECOMING 2016— check out the following pages for the 2016 homecoming schedule! Find out more at bryan.edu/homecoming.

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INDIVIDUAL TICKET PRICES

Tuscany on the Triangle..... \$15
25th Reunion: Class of 1991 \$20
Soccer Reunion Dinner \$15
Dogs in the Park – Baseball Free
Harris III Performance..... Free
Lion Cubs – Friday\$5/child

Saturday Breakfast \$5
Class of 1986 Reunion Breakfast \$5
Paw Pounder Races pawpounder.org
Tailgate Lunch..... \$8
Red & Gold Gala..... \$20
Lion Cubs – Saturday\$5/child

Sunday Lunch Pay at the door

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7



10:00AM – ALUMNI CHAPEL

Rudd Auditorium

Featuring HARRIS III, Master Illusionist and Storyteller

BC Alum Class of 2006

10:00AM TO 6:00PM –

REGISTRATION BEGINS

2nd floor, Latimer

Student Center

Sign in and receive your alumni gift

1:00PM TO 4:00PM – CAREER SERVICES

Next to Registration – Latimer

Student Center, main floor

Come and enter your business card for a \$50 gift card drawing, meet the Director of Career Services Whitney Smith, swap strategies, see what she can offer your business and what your business can offer to our students.

4:00PM TO 5:30PM – BUSINESS MAJORS MEET & GREET

Prideland Grill (next to registration)

Refreshments, door prizes and drawings. Talk to our Business faculty and other business major alums.



5:30PM – LION CUBS

(OR \$5/CHILD)

Meet at Registration

For children ages 3 to 11

Fun, games, Bible stories, crafts!

5:30PM – SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP DINNER

(OR \$15/PERSON)

Taylor Patio, Latimer
Student Center –
outside on Triangle side

Come have an awesome dinner with your buddies and families. All soccer players are invited.



6:00PM – TUSCANY ON THE TRIANGLE

(OR \$15/PERSON)

Main floor of Mercer (the old “Fishbowl”)

Big Italian dinner for everyone!



6:30PM – CLASS OF 1991

25TH REUNION

(OR \$20/PERSON)

Library, second floor

Let's rock this, Class of 1991!

8:00PM – HARRIS III PERFORMANCE

Rudd Auditorium – Free Performance



Harris '06 has become one of the most respected storytellers and speakers by creating moments that lead to the discovery of #RealMagic, and helping audiences identify the lies and deception that they have been tricked into believing. His knack for communicating “the evidence of things unseen,” and the importance of never losing our sense of “child-like wonder” often opens the eyes and hearts of his audiences as much as his visual performance.

Check him out at HarrisIII.com

ALUMNI SPORTS:

BASEBALL – 7:30PM, SENTER FIELD

Dogs-in-the-Park cookout for those who attend. This is a free event sponsored by BC Athletics.

For baseball players and families.



SOCCER – CHECK ONLINE

RUGBY – 8:00PM, YMCA FIELD



BASKETBALL – 9:00PM, SUMMERS GYMNASIUM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00AM TO 10:00AM – COFFEE & LIGHT BREAKFAST (OR \$5/PERSON)

Prideland Grill (next to registration)
Wake up and visit with your friends



9:00AM TO 10:00AM – CLASS OF 1986: 30TH REUNION BREAKFAST (OR \$5/PERSON)

Traylor Patio, Latimer Student Center

9:00AM – PAW POUNDER EXTREME 5K & 10K

Starts at the bottom of Landes Way
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10:00AM – PAW POUNDER OBSTACLE RUN 1M & 5K



Register at pawpounder.org

10:00AM TO 5:30PM – REGISTRATION OPEN

Latimer, second floor

NOON – TAILGATE LUNCH (OR \$8/PERSON)

Under the big top on the practice soccer fields
Fried chicken and fellowship
Bouncies for the kids
Fun and games
Photo booth



2:00PM – MEN'S VARSITY SOCCER GAME

Soccer Field
Bryan vs. Milligan



4:30PM – WOMEN'S VARSITY SOCCER GAME

Soccer Field
Bryan vs. Milligan



5:30PM – LION CUBS (OR \$5/CHILD)

Meet at registration
For children ages 3 to 11

6:00PM – RED & GOLD GALA (OR \$20/PERSON)

Latimer, Dining Hall

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR – RICK '76 & KATHY (MURPHEY) '71 FARNEY



Rick had only been a Christian for 3 weeks when he stepped onto Bryan's Campus. He said, "The next years here were a growing experience I will never forget and I have treasured them to this day."

Rick and Kathy met at Bryan and were married in 1975. They are parents to Chris (Belmont) and Ryan '08. Rick and Kathy have lived in Dayton for the past 34 years, where both have been teachers for over 30 years; both will be retiring at the end of this school year.

Rick has also been the worship pastor at Grace Bible Church for 15 years. "We live in Dayton, and not one day goes by that we are not influenced by Bryan in some way. We teach with

other Bryan graduates, we have students attend our church and minister with us, we pass them in the local stores. Bryan's influence is a very positive one and it makes me happy to see that what Bryan did in my life, it is still doing in lives today."

YOUNG ALUMNI OF THE YEAR – ZAC '01 & TOKS (OLOWOLA) '04 BROWN



Zac and Toks met at Bryan College and married in 2004. Zac is the Assistant Superintendent for School Operations in Hamilton County. He expects to complete his doctorate in Educational Leadership in 2017. Zac has a heart and passion for children who lack

a family support system: even as a student at Bryan he took time to tutor at-risk children at the Dayton Housing Authority.

Toks came to BC as a young girl when her father, Dr. Cornelius Olowola, served as a visiting professor in Bible and missions. According to Toks, she knew even then that she wanted to attend Bryan College!

Toks has earned her MBA and has been a supplemental security income specialist for several years at the Social Security Administration. Her greatest joy came last year when she gave birth to twin daughters Izzy and Jules who arrived 8 weeks early and spent 6 weeks in NICU in Chattanooga. Toks and Zac are faithful and courageous alums.

HONORARY ALUMNI OF THE YEAR – BERNIE & DONNA BELISLE



Bernie just completed his 23rd year of teaching at Bryan as Assistant Professor of Communication Studies. If you have ever attended any of Bryan's Hilltop Player plays or musicals you cannot mistake how gifted Bernie is at bringing out the best in his students. Donna

has been the admissions office manager for many years and has been an anchor in our Admissions Department. Both are a treasured and valued part of our Bryan College family.

Bernie and Donna are parents to Emilie '13, Taylor '15 and Mattie '16. One of their greatest joys at Bryan is "seeing how the students embrace the shows they are performing and having a good time glorifying God through their talents and skills He has endowed to them."

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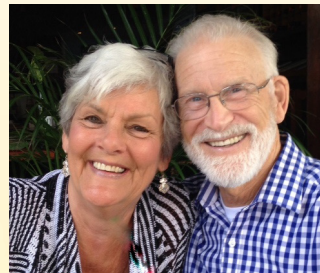
SPORTS HALL OF FAME 1975 & 1976 NCAA SOCCER CHAMPS



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

10:00AM – ALUMNI WORSHIP

FEATURING DR. JOHN STONE '67



John '67 and Phyllis (Horton) '69 Stone were Bryan College sweethearts, (John was a bus boy in the dining hall and Phyllis was a waitress.) They married in 1968. They both traveled on choir tours and with The Gospel Messengers. John retired as pastor from Berean Bible

Church in Knoxville, Tenn., after more than 40 years of ministry. John and Phyllis are parents to alums Eve '92, Portia '93, and Pete '96. John was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and metastasis in his liver. He says, "In each new stage of our lives, we have been undergirded by God's grace, and His grace sustains us still. Our Bryan College experiences helped to equip us for ministry and to build a strong foundation for our faith upon which we stand and build to this very day."

11:30AM – LUNCH

Latimer, Dining Hall



FEATURED ALUMNI

DR. KERRI BRACKNEY '02

OB/GYN, CHRIST COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

There is little as reassuring as having a doctor who loves her patients with compassion and authenticity, and who fears the Lord. Such is Dr. Kerri Brackney '02, a board-certified OB-GYN at Christ Community Health Services (CCHS) in Memphis, Tenn.



When she first learned about Bryan College at a Christian college fair, Kerri had already known that she wanted to pursue a career in medicine but also have access to an education firmly grounded in biblical truth. She applied for and won the Presidential Scholarship and came to Bryan as a biology major with minors in Bible and music. (Kerri cites Drs. Marty Hartzell, Stephanie Hartz, and Sigrid Luther as having the most profound influence on her life.)

Upon graduation, she attended the University of Maryland School of Medicine, followed by four years of obstetrics and gynecology training at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical

Center in Hershey, Penn. In June 2015, Kerri and her family moved to Memphis to follow God's call on her life to join the ministry of CCHS for the furthering of His kingdom.

"I love that I have the opportunity to share the hope of Jesus Christ throughout my everyday work, and that I'm urged to pray with each patient as a means of addressing both her physical and spiritual health," she reflects. "Pregnancy is a time when many women are willing to re-evaluate their spiritual life and how they want to raise their baby. They're often motivated to make changes, and it's exciting to walk that journey with them."

In addition to having the privilege of seeing patients in her office, managing in labor and delivery, and performing gynecologic surgeries, she will soon add chairing the Graduate Medical Education Committee to coordinate student rotations at CCHS to her professional experience.

Kerri and her husband, David, currently reside in Memphis and have three children, Avery (5), Adelyn (3), and Connor (born in March).

By Chloe Ann Townsend '13

FEATURED ALUMNI

LTC DR. DAVID S. JOHNSTON '91

DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PARTNERSHIPS, DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY

Lieutenant Colonel Dr. David S. Johnston '91 possesses an extensive list of accolades and accomplishments that has led him on an incredible journey through the Tennessee National Guard; the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense; the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C.; the U.S. Army Public Health Command; the U.S. Department of State; and the Defense Health Agency in Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. He has written one patent and 18 technical publications, along with crafting and co-authoring international sanctions adopted by the UN and EU, and U.S. regulatory law regarding foreign business.

A biology major in college, David graduated Bryan *cum laude* in 1991, also earning the Williard Henning Award in Biology for most outstanding biology major. He went on to earn his Ph.D. in biochemistry, *magna cum laude*, from Vanderbilt University in 1999, where he also received the National Research Service Award in Toxicology from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

From 1995-1999 David actually returned to Bryan College as an assistant chemistry

professor and the undergraduate research director. In so doing, he was able to instruct the next generation of Bryan Lions in general, organic, environmental, analytical, and biochemistry, in addition to molecular biology, with the very principles he had learned from his own Bryan professors less than a decade before.



In his current job as the Director of Strategic Planning and Partnerships for the Defense Health Agency, he says that he “develops the strategic plan for the largest consolidated Department of Defense school in the history of the U.S. military with 20,000 graduates each year, 49 programs of instruction, and over 1,200 faculty and staff for medical enlisted training.”

David and his wife, Jacqueline Johnston '91, celebrate 24 years of marriage and have 10 children, including Nicholas Johnston '15 (who followed in his father's footsteps and also majored in biology).

By Chloe Ann Townsend '13

Lion Tracks

1950s & 1960s

Jim Pitts '56x and his wife, Barbara, are missionaries in Africa, where they run a children's home. They have been there since coming to the field in 1958. Although he only attended Bryan for one year, Jim says the college had a great impact on his life during his time there.



1971-1983



2002-2015

Dr. Cary and Verna Perdue '58, after 53 years of church/organization-based ministry, transitioned out of SEND International in November 2015. They praise the Lord for the combined 25 years they were able to serve with SEND.



Dr. Jake Matthes '59 was inducted into the Liberty University Hall of Fame on Sept. 18, 2014, for his coaching in track and cross country at Liberty from 1976 to 1991. In addition to family and friends, five Bryan College 1975 national championship team members were in attendance at the banquet.

1980s & 1990s

Chuck Relfe '86 is working in full-time ministry in Birmingham, Ala., with The WellHouse, a faith-based nonprofit devoted to the rescue and recovery of women from sex trafficking across the southeastern United States. Prior to his work with The WellHouse, Chuck had worked 25 years in the legal technology sector.



Mary '01 and Chip '00 Miller announce the birth of their son, Daniel Wallace Miller, on May 17, 2015. Mary works as a graphic artist at Keener Marketing in Dayton, Tenn., and Chip is a tech services specialist at Ricoh Americas Corp. They are members at Meadowview Baptist Church.



Derek Bollinger '95 and his wife, Julie, recently adopted their fourth child, Daniel Qiu-Lin, on Sept. 1, 2015. He is from Sanmenxia, Henan, China and was born on Nov. 10, 2014. Daniel Qiu-Lin joins his two sisters, Cherish (9) and Hope (6), as well as his brother, Andrew (5). Derek and Julie are currently in the process of adopting another boy from China and would covet your prayers during this time.

Ben '99 and Elizabeth '05 Edwards announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Rose, on July 10, 2015.

2000s & 2010s



Bryan and Jennifer (Musselman) Waite '01 announce the birth of their third child, daughter Marianne Lorraine, on

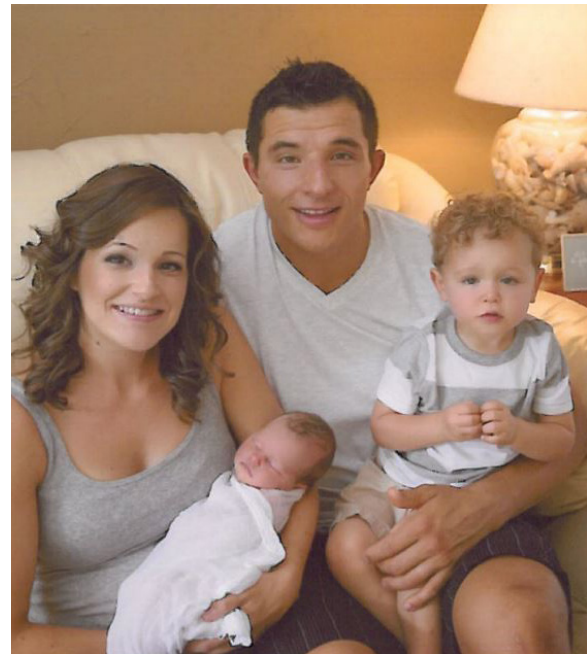
April 23, 2015. She joins big brother Joey (6) and sister Kathleen (3). Bryan works in 401(k) sales at John Hancock, and Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom.

Andrea Woodworth '04x works as a bookkeeper at the Children's Bible Ministries national office in Townsend, Tenn. She is currently seeking partners to join her in prayer and financial support. CBM is a non-denominational, non-profit missions agency with 13 locations focused on reaching children with the Gospel and discipling them to maturity in Christ.



Tim St. John '06 and his wife, Jee, announce the birth of their son, Wesley, on July 21, 2015.

Jonathan Lucas '07 and his wife, Rachel, announce the birth of their son, James Ransom, on May 6, 2015. The Lucases currently are stationed in Camp Lejeune, N.C.



Emily Fesyuk '09 and her husband, Pavel, announce the birth of their daughter, Katya May, on Aug. 4, 2015. Pavel is an exterminator with Town & Country Pest Solutions, and Emily enjoys being a stay-at-home mom to Katya and her big brother Dom.

Kim Woody '09 graduated in April 2015 from Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia, with her Master of Theological Studies (concentration in History of Christianity).

Lion Tracks



Summer Carrillo '10 and her husband, Anthony, announce the birth of their son, Maverick Anthony, on Sept. 18, 2015.

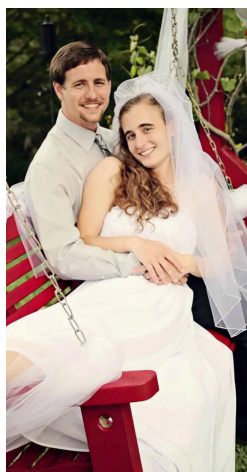


Glenna Gibbs '11 married Mike James, a native of her hometown of Douglasville, Ga., on Oct. 25, 2015. **Aimee (Crotts) Collier '10**, **Kesse Robinson '11**, **Lauren Twombly '12**, and Angie Sheridan (friend of Bryan) served as matron and maids of honor. Glenna and Mike currently reside in Douglasville.



Bryan and Katie Saylor '11 currently reside in West Melbourne, Fla., where Bryan works as the young adults pastor at Calvary Chapel and Katie substitute teaches at Calvary Chapel Academy.

Matthew '12 and Ashley (Keeley) '13 Green announce the birth of their son, Killian Thomas, on Jan. 28, 2016.



Kevin and Ashley McEwen '12 currently reside in Cleveland, Tenn., where Kevin is a building supervisor and lifeguard for the Cleveland Family YMCA and is pursuing his Master of Arts in Communication from Liberty University. Ashley recently completed her Masters in Nurse Education and works as a ICU RN nurse at Tennova Health Care.



Sonja Meberg '12, daughter of **Ted '71** and **Beverley Meberg**, graduated from Adventist University of Health Sciences with a Masters of Occupational Therapy.



Will and Meghan Tholken '13 announce the birth of their son, Edward Allen, on Dec. 5, 2015.



Japhet Townsend '13 married **Chloe Ann Nardone '13** on Nov. 21, 2015. Alumni in the wedding party included **Charles and Summer Corn '13**, **Jessica Dudley '13**, **Andrew Smith '13**, and **Hannah Mileur '15**. Japhet currently works as a tax auditor for the State of Tennessee, and Chloe is the assistant director of public information at Bryan College. The Townsends currently reside in Dayton, Tenn.



Josh and Olivia Grace '14 were married Sept. 5, 2015, with **Dr. Raymond Legg '07H** officiating. Alumni in the wedding

party included **Alexandra (Rogers) Smith '14**, **Katie (Smith) Rosenbaum '14**, **Andrea (Blair) Morris '14**, **Caroline LaPlue '14**, **Cristina Smith '14**, **Nathan Price '14**, **Ben Rosenbaum '16**, **Wesley Garnett '14**, **Will Jones '14**, **Corey Heartfield '14**, and **Matt Stombaugh '14**. The Graces currently reside in Chattanooga, Tenn., where Josh works at Unum, and Olivia tutors and substitute teaches.



Joe and Brittany Zimmerman '14 were married on Sept. 19, 2015. The Zimmermans currently reside in Franklin, Ind., where Joe is an HVAC installer for Airtron, Inc., and Brittany teaches at Homecroft Elementary School as an English Learner Facilitator.



Wesley Sanders '15 married **Tabitha Newby '15** on June 4, 2015. Bryan alumni in attendance included **Kesha Sanders Salas '04**, **Andrew Facciani '15**, **Brandon Opperman '15**, and **Preston Opperman '16**.

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FACULTY & STAFF NOTES

Bernie Belisle took eight students to London Dec. 31 – Jan. 9 as part of a theatre tour. Some of the places visited include the Royal Opera House, Shakespeare’s Globe, Windsor Castle, Stonehenge, Westminster Abbey, and the Roman baths at Bath.

Dr. Paul Boling read a paper, “Truth, Objectivity, and James K.A. Smith,” at the National Conference of the Evangelical Philosophical Society in Atlanta, Ga., on Nov. 19.

Drs. Paul Boling, Kevin Clauson, and **Travis Ricketts** attended the Hillsdale Free Market Forum in Omaha, Neb., Oct. 15-17.

Dr. Neal Doran did three abstracts at a conference this summer, which are now posted on the Creation Biology website. He also received a donation of nearly \$10,000 in research-related scientific software, which will be used to map spatial geological and biological patterns within the global geologic column.

Dr. Stacey Duke completed her Doctorate of Strategic Leadership with an emphasis in global consulting from Regent University.

Jeff Eenigenburg and Bryan’s worship team **Devotion** led worship for middle- and high-school students at Grace Baptist Academy in Chattanooga, Tenn., on Feb. 19. On March 11 they led worship for a Disciple Now weekend for the student ministries of First Baptist Church in Athens, Tenn., where Bryan alumnus Drew Byers ‘14 is youth pastor.

Dr. Olivia Ellis adjudicated for the Oklahoma Music Teacher Association annual composition for elementary through high school students. She also presented a series of recitals in East Tennessee cities in August and September, and successfully defended her dissertation entitled

“Clara Schumann’s Character Pieces: A Pedagogical Approach to Selected Works” at the University of Oklahoma in March.

Drs. Kathy Estes, Adina Scruggs, and **Stacey Duke** attended the 35th Annual Christian Business Faculty Association Conference on Oct. 29-31 at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va. While at the conference Dr. Duke presented, Dr. Scruggs moderated a presentation, and Dr. Estes networked to find AGS adjuncts for Bryan’s growing program.

Dr. Gary Fitsimmons had three book reviews published in *The Christian Librarian*, Vol. 58, No. 2.





Jason Glen lectured on the topic of relational Christian worldview at the Pan American Christian Academy in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He also had the pleasure of guest lecturing, along with Michael Whitlock '16, at Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic. The lectures focused on the spiritual and relational messages within movies, and how they relate with our own life circumstances.

Dr. Beth Impson had an essay titled "On Seeing" published in *The Christendom Review*, Vol. 7, Issue I.

Benton Jones was chosen as Ambassador of the Month by the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce for October. He serves as a VP for the Chattanooga Chamber Ambassadors.

Drs. Scott Jones and Anna Pettway led the Detroit Break for Change

Dr. Gary Fitsimmons, Vonnie Johnson, Connie Sanders, Dr. Kevin Woodruff, and Polly Revis worked on safety and security training through "Securing Your Library in Troubling Times," which related to violence and active shooter scenarios.

Stacey Gates has taken on a new position as Academic Services Manager for Dual Enrollment and the School of Adult and Graduate Studies.

Dr. Brad Gatlin successfully defended his dissertation Feb. 29 at Anderson University (Ind.).





immigrant ministry trip with nine students over spring break.

Dr. Scott Jones and **Dr. Drew Randle**, along with eight Bryan students, attended the Catalyst Conference in Atlanta, Ga., on Oct. 7-9.

Kim Keck performed as a guest recitalist with bassoonist Keith McClelland at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville on Jan. 31. She

also served as head judge for the fine arts district competition with the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools in Chattanooga on Feb. 9. Over spring break, Mrs. Keck took the Bryan College Chorale on spring tour to schools and churches in Alabama, Tennessee, Texas, and Mississippi.

Dr. Raymond Legg led a team of students to work with Hope for

Opelousas in Opelousas, La. over spring break, painting, working maintenance and construction projects, and tutoring in local schools. He also reprised his role as William Jennings Bryan for the Sam Houston Tour of Tennessee – Texas delegation on their trip through Dayton.

Dr. David Luther directed the Chamber Singers at the Alumni Banquet in October.

Dave Perron successfully completed the new Red Cross Instructor Certification for First Aid/CPR/AED on Feb. 8.

Col. Ron Pettitte made two trips in October, first to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to present and lead discussion on “Incorporating the Study of Human Trafficking into Higher Education Curriculum,” and second to Dordt College in Iowa to chair a breakout session at the inaugural Iowa Conference on Presidential Politics.

Drs. Anna Pettway and **Clark Rose** took several psychology majors to the American Association of Christian Counselors World Conference at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 24-26.

Dr. Anna Pettway attended the annual Southeastern Conference March 4-5.

The staff and administration of the **School of Adult and Graduate Studies** had the pleasure of retreating together at Ft. Bluff on Sept. 17-18. It was a time of great fellowship and good discussion of the vision and goals of the future.

Dr. Adina Scruggs, education chair of the Chattanooga American Advertising Federation (AAF), won 1st place in the District AAF Club Achievement Awards and 1st place in the National Competition for Club Achievement for her efforts in promoting advertising education in the Chattanooga area. On Oct. 15, she attended a workshop in Chattanooga titled "Now Hear This: The Business of Audio Branding." In February she and her advertising class attended the American Advertising Federation luncheon in Chattanooga.

Dr. Adina Scruggs and **Dr. Stacey Duke** attended the Southern Regional Conference for IACBE on Nov. 5. Dr. Scruggs was unanimously voted in as the 2015-16 secretary and treasurer.

Dr. Bob Simpson has retired (partially) at the end of this academic year.

Bethany Smith was awarded a Professional Equity Project grant from The National Council of Teachers of English to attend the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Houston, Texas, in April.

Dr. Dana Wilson will complete her Post-Doctoral Respecialization in Psychology/Health Psychology in May 2016.

Sam Youngs had an article titled "Renovating Evangelical Exclusivism" published in *Trinity Journal*.

2015-2016 AWARDS

Teacher of the Year
Michael Palmer

Scholar of the Year
Dr. Travis Ricketts

Staff Member of the Year
David Haggard



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With the Lord

James Morring '38x, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died Nov. 10, 2015.

Philip W. Hirschy '46, of Evans, Penn., died Jan. 31, 2016.

George Stanley Birch '48, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died Feb. 12, 2016.

Elsie Sidback '49x, of Nikiski, Alaska, died May 17, 2015.

Roger Bacon '50, of Canada, died Jan. 7, 2016.

Gerald Manuel '53, of Lebanon, Ind., died Feb. 27, 2015.

Lois Cartwright Lee '54x, of Duncanville, Tex., died Jan. 10, 2016.

Kenneth G. Moeller '54, of Wooster, Ohio, died Sept. 29, 2015.

Roscoe Mulvey, Jr. '54, of Harmony, Penn., died Jan. 6, 2016.

Raymond Karr '57, of Clarksville, Tenn., died April 2015.

Eugene K. Anderson '59, of Arvada, Colo., died Nov. 23, 2014.

Virginia Nye Visser '60, of Grand Rapids, Mich., died March 17, 2016.

Robert Johnson '61x, of Hixson, Tenn., died Oct. 16, 2015.

James Edward Flatt '67, of Nashville, Tenn., died Sept. 5, 2015.

Dorothy Seera '72H, of Dayton, Tenn., died Feb. 14, 2016.

Martha Schultz Sushereba '79, of Augusta, S.C., died Apr. 24, 2013.

Lisa Price Gossett '80, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died Feb. 25, 2015.

Jaclynnette Porterfield Broadhurst '95, of Highland, Md., died November 28, 2015.

Mark Hammond '05, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died Feb. 6, 2016.

Aaron Smith '17x, of Mount Juliet, Tenn., died Sept. 23, 2015.

William "Bill" Crowe, a friend of Bryan College, of Dayton, Tenn., died Nov. 2, 2015.



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